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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002,
consideration and entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application throughout
its pendency may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

Claims 4 and 11-16 are pending. No amendments to the claims are made
herein.

THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4, 11-16 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST
PARAGRAPH

Claims 4, 11-16 stand rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C.
§112, first paragraph, for the reasons advanced on pages 3-6 of the prior Office
Action (mailed May 14, 2002, Paper No. 22). Specifically it is alleged in the
Office Action that the specification, while being enabling for the use of specific